

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

* CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH *

WHEREAS, Arizona's children are our greatest asset and every child deserves to have a safe, stable and supportive family environment; and

WHEREAS, every day in the United States, more than four children die of abuse or neglect in the home; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million reports of abuse are made each year; and

WHEREAS, the actual incidence of abuse and neglect is estimated to be 3 times greater than the number reported to authorities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is an integral part of Arizona's child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by the entire community and therefore need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the impact of child abuse and how to prevent it in communities by supporting the efforts of parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as

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and encourage all citizens to recognize that prevention starts with each of us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

